

OCYPT PERFORMANCE SUB-GROUP

Summary of key issues from Subgroup meeting on 02.11.09:

- Performance of the national indicators contributing to the Oxfordshire LAA 2 – positive trends and key performance challenges.

The national indicators contributing to the LAA 2 are attached at Appendix A. As the majority of indicators are updated on an annual basis there has been little change in the figures since the last Trust Board meeting in September.

Positive trends as identified in September:

- Results for obesity are slightly better for the county than nationally (NI 56).
- The stability of placements of young people in care has improved (NI 62).
- Results for early years development, which records the progress made by children at the end of the 'foundation stage', are positive (NI 72)
- Secondary school persistent absence rates have reduced (NI 87)
- The gap 'between the lowest achieving 20% in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile and the rest' has reduced (NI 92).
- The indicator for numbers of first time entrants into the criminal justice system is positive at the end of the second quarter (NI 110).

Key performance challenges:

- **The teenage conception** figure compares favourably against the national figure but also reflects the negative national trend (NI 112). An action plan is in place and the data is to be monitored through the OCYPT Performance Subgroup.
- There has been a dip in performance of **achievement at Level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2** for Oxfordshire and its statistical neighbours (NI 73).
- The **hospital admission** figures are at a similar level to last year and reflect the national picture (NI 70). A detailed analysis is being reported to the OSCB Monitoring and Evaluation Sub-group in December 2009.
- The un-validated results for the educational attainment of the fourteen **looked after children at Key Stage 2** are not encouraging, showing that two and three

- respectively achieved level 4 English and Maths (NI 99 & 100). This will be reviewed in the Turning the Curve Exercise on 19.11.09.
- The un-validated results for the educational attainment of the forty eight **looked after children at 5+ GCSE A*-C inc English and Maths** show that, although the target was not met, there was a slight improvement on last year. Furthermore, nearly 47% did achieve 5+ GCSE A*-G.
 - The un-validated summer 09 results for the percentage of students attaining **5+ A*-C passes at GCSE including English & mathematics** is an improvement on summer 08 but Oxfordshire did not meet its target and remains in the lower range of statistical neighbours. This is being closely monitored and action plans are in place.
 - At the end of September, 8.1% of sixteen to eighteen olds were **not in education, employment or training** (NI 117). This group is particularly vulnerable in the current economic environment and it should be noted that September figures are always higher due to young people moving from learning to work, new learning or training.
 - Following a query at the last Trust Board an analysis of the age group of these young people showed that over the last 12 months there has been a change in the age groups becoming NEET. In the Northern area there is a greater percentage increase in 16 and 19 year olds not in employment, education and training. In the Central area there is a greater percentage increase in the 16 year olds. Whereas in the Southern area there is a greater percentage increase in 19 year olds not in employment, education and training. Further analysis is available for Area Trust Boards.
 - There are detailed plans in place to mitigate against the effects of the recession and performance is being monitored in monthly reports and contract management meetings.
 - **The inequality gap in the achievement of a Level 3 qualification** by the age of 19 has increased very slightly since the previous year (NI 81). *This reports the gap in attainment of level 3 at age 19 between those young people who were in receipt of free school meals at academic age 15 and those who were not.*

More detailed analysis:

- A report card was produced for the percentage of young people who received custodial sentences, which is attached for information at Appendix B. Concern was expressed by the Police that their targets were mis-matched with over-arching focus of the Trust Board to reduce custodial sentences.
- A Turning the Curve exercise will be run on 19.11.09 on indicators that relate to the strategic priority 'narrowing the gap, which will be reported on in full at the next Trust Board (Jan 2010).

Other Business

The group is:

- reviewing membership and terms of reference to reflect its broader agenda.
- developing new monitoring arrangements for the new Children and Young People's Plan from April 2010
- developing new monitoring arrangements for the teenage pregnancy data set and action plan

Recommendations for the Board:

- **Note the overall position of the performance indicators in the young people's block of the local area agreement and agree any work that they would like to take place in advance of the next board meeting**

Sian Rodway
Strategic Lead, Performance
01865 815142
sian.rodway@oxfordshire.gov.uk